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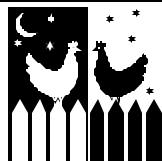
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was sluggish to fair, slightly better where light features were present. Food service was slow to moderate with fast food promotions receiving best interest. Supplies were adequate to ample and slow to clear even at discounted levels. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective. All items were at least readily available with attractive prices noted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 65.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on the 25th of October, 2000. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

LINE RUN TENDERS	201.00
BREASTS - B/S	132.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50
LEG QUARTERS	35.00
WINGS	100.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand into retail and food service was light and disappointing with purchases restricted to most immediate needs. Supplies were more than sufficient for current trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, usually fair at best, with supplies fully sufficient to ample and often discounted to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Midweek trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive as dealers continued to limit purchases to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to fully adequate with the 3 pound and heavier sizes in the longest position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was sluggish. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were ample and available at discounted levels. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were readily available.

MIDWEST The market tone on whole fryers was barely steady to weak. Offerings were mixed, but fully sufficient to meet current trade interest. Retail and food service demand was generally discouraging, slow to light with instances of fair to good demand noted into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were in a full range with weights desirable. Parts demand remained sluggish, although inquiries improved for boneless/skinless breasts for retail features and food service accounts in the Michigan area. The Ohio and St. Louis areas noted an improved clearance of wings. Offerings were moderate to heavy on all items with breast items discounted to stimulate demand. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on breast items, unsettled on wings and barely steady on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was weak. Offerings ample. Retailer demand light except where features planned. Floor stocks adequate. Parts also mainly weak.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 10/20/01	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	169,674	163,682	+04
CHICKS PLACED	145,163	140,691	+03
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	188,798	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	162,244	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 170 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 20, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 20, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through October 20, 2001 were 6.17 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 189 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 20, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 20, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 149.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 145.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 143.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 112.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.12 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 24, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	743	110.00-189.00	120-130	130.34
TENDERLOINS	79	125.00-225.00	125-135	145.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	68.00-71.00	-	68.41
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	169	39.00-57.00	39-45	43.04
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	387	30.00-35.00	30-31	30.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,240	32.00-37.00	32-34	34.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	675	92.00-114.50	103-105	106.28
WINGS (CUT)	242	107.00-118.00	109-112	111.50
DRUMSTICKS	68	50.00-57.00	50	50.82
THIGHS	28	52.00-57.00	-	53.43
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	955	110.00-189.00	120-130	126.40
TENDERLOINS	131	125.00-225.00	125-135	146.50
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	65.00-69.50	-	68.16
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	129	39.00-57.00	39-42	42.19
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	636	28.50-35.00	29-31	30.06
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,320	31.00-37.00	32-33	33.61
WINGS (WHOLE)	325	91.00-114.00	100-103	100.94
WINGS (CUT)	449	106.00-119.00	109-112	112.37
DRUMSTICKS	68	50.00-57.00	52	50.82
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	70	90.00-96.00	-	95.14

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.00 - 46.50	44.31	43.25 - 47.50	44.53	44.99

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity remained light as dealers were often working from slightly reduced orders and were keeping floorstocks as closely balanced as possible. Offerings of breast items were ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was sluggish, and foodservice business continued to flounder. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak on breast items, cautiously steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	135.42	523,700
TENDERLOINS	125	123.61	162,999
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	67.49	326,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.00	162,000
LEGS	43-44	47.47	256,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	34.45	812,228
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.48	205,740
THIGHS	37-38	46.60	164,300
B/S THIGHS	89-90	87.01	125,990
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	107.23	471,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	61,156
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.42	67,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.68	82,104

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	131.18	563,080
TENDERLOINS	125	119.28	145,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	67.96	331,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	60.67	102,600
LEGS	43-44	46.94	261,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	33.81	483,564
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.75	152,150
THIGHS	37-38	44.93	157,020
B/S THIGHS	89-90	91.62	74,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	103.10	412,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	77,368
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.08	65,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.95	114,024

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/24	10/23	10/22	10/19	10/22
ALA	4,113	4,115	4,083	4,076	5.16
ARK	5,214	5,291	5,256	5,221	5.02
DELMARVA	2,291	2,234	2,269	2,215	5.11
KY-LA-TN	2,002	1,995	1,756	1,921	4.55
MISS	2,630	2,830	2,874	2,837	5.16
NC	2,600	2,648	2,468	2,563	5.92
TEXAS	2,394	2,375	2,412	2,626	5.09
TOTAL	21,244	21,488	21,118	21,459	5.15
MON-WED 63,919 (A)					4.98
					20,887
					5.17
					63,207(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Oct 01 and is estimated to be 31,783,000 up 1.40 percent from a week ago and up 4.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,343,000; last year 30,301,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-89
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 95-97
	DRY PACK 97-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT 27-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/27/01 (1)	10/20/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	161,673 (2)	162,379
LT HENS	2,015	1,853
HVY HENS	1,370	1,576
CHECK TOTAL	165,058	165,808

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Oct-01 is 155.7 million head compared to 155.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.0 million head or 6.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 03-Nov-01 the estimated available is 155.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 22-Oct-01	189,249	63,378
AM 1-Oct-01	198,453	57,300
CHG	-9,204	6,078
PCT CHG	-5	11

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/22/01	10/15/01	10/16/00	10/22/01	10/15/01	10/16/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	18,036	18,882	19,350	3,109	3,603	9,578
LOS						
ANGELES	2,224	2,715	224	1,594	1,815	2,818

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2001

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-57
VACUUMPACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57-67

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/23/01				FOR 10/23/01			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.15	.70	.53	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.55	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	6.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.60	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	2.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	1.30	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	10.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.60	2.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.25	1.00	.58	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	5.75	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.25	.60	.45	TURKEYS ea.	-	14.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.40	.95	.52	DUCKS ea.	1.50	3.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.35	1.20	.94	RABBITS ea.	.50	6.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.50	8.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	107						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 19, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	51.82	128.32	78.97	19.74	19.74	49.35
High	60.21	138.19	88.84	24.68	24.68	49.35
Mostly	57.25	138.19	88.84	24.68	24.68	49.35

SAN JUAN

Low	59.22	133.25	78.97	34.55	19.74	46.89
High	62.19	143.12	88.84	37.01	22.21	46.89
Mostly	59.22	138.19	81.43	34.55	19.74	46.89

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	51.33	128.32	78.97	19.74	19.74	51.82
High	59.22	138.19	88.84	24.68	24.68	51.82
Mostly	56.76	128.32	78.97	19.74	24.68	51.82

BECERRA

Low	59.22	133.25	78.97	29.61	17.27	46.39
High	61.69	138.19	83.90	34.55	19.74	46.39
Mostly	61.20	135.72	81.43	29.61	17.27	46.39

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts was seasonally slow. Seller offerings were readily available and in general difficult to place. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on both whole birds and parts.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	46-71	56.24
NO. OF BOXES		15,903

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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